

Minutes of the Combined Health & Human Services Board

Thursday, March 25, 2010

Chair Farrell called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Citizen Members Dennis Farrell (Chair), Dr. Peter Geiss, JoAnn Weidmann, and Flor Gonzalez. Supervisors Duane Paulson, Paul Decker, and Jim Jeskewitz.
Absent: Citizen Member Joe Vitale, and Supervisor Janel Brandtjen.

Also Present: Health & Human Services Deputy Director Don Maurer, Public Health Manager Dr. Nancy Healy-Haney, Public Health Advisory Chair Lori Cronin, Mental Health Advisory Chair Troy Norman, Clinical Services Manager Mike DeMares, ADRC Health & Nutrition Supervisor Mary Smith, Mental Health Association Executive Director Lisa McLean,

A quorum was present and introductions were exchanged.

Approve Minutes of 3-11-10

MOTION: Paulson moved, seconded by Weidmann to approve the minutes of March 11. Motion carried 7-0.

Announcements

Paulson advised of two ordinances; one is for the purchase of an air conditioning unit at the Waukesha Senior Dining Center located at LaCasa, and the other is to accept the Alzheimer's Family and Caregiver Support Program Funding Allocation.

Maurer updated the Board on Peter Schuler's progress with his foot surgery, and advised that his anticipated date of return is Tuesday, March 30.

Maurer advised that a letter was received from the Public Health Advisory Committee as to occupational health hazard considerations for the planned new HSC building. Because the planning has begun, all ideas, concerns, or suggestions are being forwarded to Dennis Cerreta, the County's architect as well as the design group for their consideration.

Farrell reported on an Emergency Preparedness Drill on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at Menomonee Falls High School. There were approximately 400 law enforcement officials there and the scene was depicting of a shooter. Don Maurer and Larry Barthen were observers situated at the school, which was the reunification center for parents to be matched up with their children. It was observed that there is a great deal of thought and planning that must be done for a reunification center work that must be done to keep parents under reasonable control, because they are panicking, as well as make sure that you are matching children with the right parents.

Correspondence

None.

Meeting Approvals

The Wisconsin County Human Services Association (WCHSA) Spring Conference event is scheduled for May 12-14, 2010 at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.

MOTION: Paulson moved, seconded by Jeskewitz to approve attendance at the WCHSA Spring Conference on May 12-13, 2010. Motion carried 7-0.

The Wisconsin Public Health Association WALHDAB Annual Conference is May 25-27, 2010 at the Madison Marriott West in Middleton, Wisconsin.

MOTION: Weidmann moved, seconded by Decker to approve attendance at the annual WPHA-WALHDAB Conference. Motion carried 7-0.

Future Agenda Items

None.

H1N1 Update

Dr. Healy-Haney gave a brief overview and is in process of drafting a comprehensive report. When H1N1 concern intensified last April 2009, the Public Health Department geared up for case control and followed up on 1,778 individuals in Waukesha County. Of that amount, 1,104 were confirmed. Public Health is using the logarithm from the Centers for Disease Control and had conservatively about 5,000 persons in the County that were ill. After a certain point, staff was simply taking the report and following up on the very high-risk groups. In August 2009, geared up and did business and school summits throughout the county to educate about what they thought was coming by way of pandemic. The national incident grade was significant, but the morbidity rate had a range, and they did have the one death in Waukesha County. In fall, it swept through the schools and had a lot of school interaction, and at the same time, the staff were gearing up for our mass clinic. Provided 20 mass clinics at the Expo Center, and after January 1, 2010, did four different community sites. Last six community clinics were in March and held at the White Rock School because the vaccination campaign was brought into the Hispanic Community, which was a large turnout. Completed the mass program and are now offering the H1N1 vaccine through ten community clinics and will continue to do that through June or until our vaccine expires or runs out. In fall, this particular strain of influenza will be in the seasonal flu. To date, Public Health has immunized 15,655 people. The chances of having the third wave goes down with herd immunity through either immunization or large numbers of persons exposed to disease. A pandemic typically has three waves, first major wave came in June, the second wave came in October, and if the pandemic has a shift, a significant third wave may be seen. In the process of gathering all information on our volunteers, which was 500 people that supported the mass clinics. Thank you letters are being sent, coming from the County Executive, Dan Vrakas, and Peter Schuler, the Public Health Officer thanking all who participated. Nancy mentioned that she feels Waukesha County had the best mass clinic in the region because everyone came out to see our setup, and from day one, a special needs area setup was established which was unique serving individuals who were autistic, on stretchers, oxygen tanks, and others with disabilities. Feedback was that this was an excellent run clinic. Paulson asked that information on how many were hospitalized and what was the length of time that they were hospitalized be included in the finalized report.

Update on Administrative Rule DHS 140.07

A letter was shared with all from the State Division of Public Health regarding the 140 review. Dr. Healy-Haney reported that because of the H1N1 outbreak, Waukesha County Public Health had a different state review for our presentation. An electronic response and evidence was produced this time, and support of the seven local tax supported programs that allow us to be a Level II health department. A Level I is considered all communicable disease, certain chronic disease interventions, and maternal and child health prevention programs. Waukesha County Public Health uses its childhood lead poisoning screening programs as its prevention program, and one of the seven programs right now has been replaced with a prenatal care coordination program.

Public Health Advisory Committee Presentation

Lori Cronin was present to discuss the Committee's needs recommendations for 2011. Copies of the Public Health Advisory Committee's unmet needs list for 2011 were distributed and are as follows:

Cronin thanked everyone for support last year and presented background and the Public Health unmet needs list.

The Public Health Advisory Committee is requesting that the Health and Human Services Board advocate for the Public Health Division to maintain its Level II status for 2011. Level I is the lowest level of a Public Health Department and is a state mandated level, consisting primarily of disease control and containment of communicable disease. Currently, Waukesha County is at a Level II, which goes beyond that and meets level II requirements through the seven prevention programs of Immunization Programs, Sexually Transmitted Clinic Services, Child HealthCheck Screening Program, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, Prenatal Care Coordination Program, Family Health Services Program, and Nurse Call Center Information and Referral Program.

From 2008 until 2009, the diseases by year more than doubled, and that is in large measure due to the H1N1 Influenza A outbreak. Our ability to respond to that at the level that the Public Health staff did by handling both the case management and community clinics contributed to maintenance of Level II status; our public health nurse strike team as well as a team that concentrated on keeping business continuity going. In order to keep that Level II will have to do seven preventive programs to keep the CDC grant allocations, which in 2010 was over a million dollars.

According to state data from 2008, the average health department in the State of Wisconsin, had over three staff per 10,000 population and had more than one public health nurse per 10,000 population. In 2008, Waukesha County had 1.1 staff member per 10,000 population and less than a half of a public health nurse per 10,000 population.

The Public Health Advisory Committee recommends that for the public's protection that all public health programs and staff be adequately funded to continue the Level II status public health agency. This is a projected \$106,000 above the 2010 budget of \$3,710,268.

Mental Health Advisory Committee Needs Presentation

Troy Norman was present to discuss the Committee's needs recommendations for 2011. Copies of the Mental Health Advisory Committee's unmet needs list for 2011 were distributed and are as follows.

The Mental Health Advisory Committee would like to acknowledge and commend Waukesha County for their commitment to delivering quality services to individuals with mental health issues. They continue to delivery quality and advance services for individuals in Comprehensive Community Services, Peer Support programming, and soon 1915i, which covers things like Community Living Support services, Supported Employment and Peer Support under the umbrella of Psycho Social Rehabilitation.

1. Support the continuation of the 2010 array and levels of services provided to Waukesha County residents including access to new psycho pharmaceuticals for both children and adults.
2. Maintain funding to the present 211 (1st Call for Help System). Introduced in June 2002, 211 is a 24/7 help line to provide needs to community and families, and has been servicing residents for 46 years. 211 has become a statewide initiative approved by the PSC and there is now a statewide organizing board, and the goal is to make sure all counties have 211 accessibility. 211 has also become an integral and central point for Mental Health, Public Health, H1N1, and other emergencies that have happened when power goes down in the Human Service Center building.
3. Provide for cost of living adjustments to residential providers for the Chronically Mentally Ill. (\$40,000)
4. Support and sustain the continuation of the peer support program in a variety of clinical settings. (\$10,000) This began five years ago with grant money that was from the Milwaukee/Waukesha Consortium for crisis and peer support, and then grant money from the Medical College that was to help peer support for Milwaukee and Waukesha and that funding has subsequently ended. Waukesha County did receive additional money from the State related to some of our expense that will be going to have at the institute that has to be spent for crisis or peer support activity, so now will have \$20,000 to assist and pay for peer support that is in coordination with our 1915i program and our crisis line program. Just received approval from the State for the 1915i program and will begin to send in our first case file.
5. Expand respite services to SED children to provide greater access to summer programming and monitoring. (\$15,000) This program runs out of our Mental Health Clinic for our seriously disturbed children. During the summer months it is a very difficult time to have children in the home, they don't have the general school access and general treatment and support programs they have in the school during the year, so we try to get these children in the summer camps that cost \$2,000 a piece for three months. This program also provides for mentoring services as well.
6. Expand clubhouse vocational services to increase development and retention of community job training sites. (\$40,000) Transitional employment is a key component for individuals to seek independence and find employment, which leads to great independence out in the community.

MOTION: Decker moved, second by Jeskewitz to adjourn the board at 2:46 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Recorded by Linda Johnson

Approved on _____
Date